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## "RED E. FOX" OF SALEM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO VISIT COUNTY SCHOOLS

(SALEM, NJ)— Deputy Freeholder Director David Lindenmuth, Chair of the County Public Safety Committee, today announced that the Salem County Department of Emergency Services has added a 9-1-1 education program geared toward kindergarten through third grade students.

"This program is designed around a furry 9-1-1 superhero named 'Red E. Fox'," said Deputy Director David Lindenmuth. "He will attend Salem County schools with the County's 9-1-1 dispatchers to interactively teach kids important safety information."

The program teaches children what to do and say when placing a 9-1-1 emergency call. It also teaches the importance of knowing their home address and phone number. The program is part of a national educational effort known as "9-1-1 for Kids" and was developed through a collaborative effort of the San Jose Police Department, The California Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association, the State of California 9-1-1 Office, and the Texas State 9-1-1 Commission.

"I encourage all elementary schools to participate in this program by calling the Department of Emergency Services," said Deputy Director David Lindenmuth. "I believe that this training will save lives."

The program can be presented in schools, church and civic groups, and other venues. For more information, contact Salem County Department of Emergency Services at 769-2900.